

# LOUISIANA SECOND QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

The average quarterly employment for Louisiana during second quarter 2002 was 1,860,162, an increase of 1.1% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1.4% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors. The largest percentage increase of 10.9%, was in arts, entertainment, and recreation. Average quarterly employment by NAICS sector and subsector is shown in the table "Louisiana Statewide" beginning on page 6.

Employment in all RLMAs, with the exception of RLMA five, increased from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase in employment from the first quarter 2002 was in arts, entertainment, and recreation in RLMAs one, two, four, seven and eight. The largest percentage increase in employment from the first quarter 2002 in RLMAs five and six was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting. The largest percentage increase in employment in RLMA three from the first quarter 2002 was in management of companies and enterprises. The largest percentage decrease in employment in RLMA five from the first quarter 2002 was in construction. Employment decreased in all RLMAs from the same period in 2001, with the exception of RLMA three.

Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in the state with 250,862 employees, or 13.5% of total employment. RLMA 1 was the leading region with 602,555 employees, or 32.4% of total employment.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Louisiana Average Employment and Units – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002" on page 3. Louisiana's average employment distribution by RLMA and NAICS sectors can be found in the charts on pages 4 and 5.

Total wages increased 2.4% from the same period in 2001, and increased by 0.1% from first quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$566.52.

Average weekly wage data for each RLMA is listed in the following table. Average weekly wage data by NAICS sector and subsector is shown in the table "Louisiana Statewide" beginning on page 6.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
RLMA 1	\$ 603.74
RLMA 2	579.85
RLMA 3	578.59
RLMA 4	554.46
RLMA 5	540.87
RLMA 6	486.96
RLMA 7	533.04
RLMA 8	493.88

The number of reporting units for second quarter 2002 was 114,579, an increase of 156, units or 0.1%, from first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1,774 units or 1.5%, from the same period in 2001. The number of reporting units for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Louisiana Average Employment and Units – Second Quarter 2002" on page 3.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

# LOUISIANA MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

